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SUBJECT: NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES: APRIL 13 EXECUTIVE
WORKING GROUP (EWG) DISCUSSION OF ANNEX D, MARITIME
POSTURE

REF: (A) AC/281(LTP)WP(78)2,
(B) USNATO 3784 DTG 131852Z APR 78

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SUMMARY: THE DISCUSSION ON ANNEX D WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY A
LARGE NUMBER OF FOOTNOTES AND WORD CHANGES MOVING FROM
AGREEMENT TO AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON SEVERAL REPORT
RECOMMENDATIONS. HOWEVER, IN SOME PARTICULAR INSTANCES,
I.E., SURFACE WARFARE, THE REDRAFT WILL PRODUCE A
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STRONGER APPROACH. WE FELL SHORT OF OUR GOAL IN PROPOSING
SACLANT AS A SINGLE MANAGER. WE NEED A DETAILED, PER-
SUASIVE AND CONVINCING PROPOSAL OR WE WILL LOSE THE
OPPORTUNITY AT THIS LEVEL TO ADVANCE THE SINGLE MANAGER
CONCEPT. ACTION REQUESTED IN REF B. END SUMMARY.

1. PARA ONE, NO COMMENT.

2. PARA TWO, NETHERLANDS REP (WYNAENDTS) SUGGESTED ADDING TO THE LAST LINE AFTER "NATO REPULSE", "IN ANY PART OF THE NATO AREA", WHICH WAS ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIRMAN (D/SYG PERTIGNANI).

3. PARA THREE, THE FRG REP (VON SANDRART) CLARIFIED HIS NATION'S MEANING OF THE TERM GLOBAL CONCEPT OF MARITIME OPERATIONS. HE SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAD INTENDED A THREE MNC NAVAL CONCEPT. THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO CHANGE PARA 3 TO REFLECT THIS INTERPRETATION. SACLANT REP (JUNGIUS) SUPPORTED BY PORTUGUESE REP (CATARINO) AND THE NL REP, POINTED OUT THAT SACLANT PERSONALLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE THOUGHT BEHIND THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 3 SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT. INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) REP (MUMFORD) DISCUSSED THE LACK OF QUANTITATIVE REFERENCES TO SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT IN THE TEXT OF THE REPORT. HE SAID INCLUSION WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AS THEY ARE PROPERLY ADDRESSED IN FORCE PROPOSALS. THE PORTUGUESE REP REQUESTED A CHANGE TO LINE FOUR, INSERTING AFTER THE WORDS "PLANNING PROCEDURES", "HOWEVER THE REMEDY FOR QUANTITATIVE PROCEDURES IS NOT POSSIBLE IN THE IBERLANT AREA". UK REP (PETERS) AGREED WITH PORTUGAL AND SAID SACLANT HAD A DEFINITE POINT. HE BELIEVED THE EWG SHOULD SHARPEN THE REFERENCE IN PARA 18, SINCE THE MAIN PROBLEM IS SHORTAGE OF SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT. CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CHAIRMAN ACKNOWLEDGED THE POINT AND SAID IT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE LETTER TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT. THE US REP (LEGERE) CAUTIONED THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPING TOO MANY ASPIRATIONAL TYPES OF STATEMENTS, EMPHASIZING THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAMS AND TOO MANY OF SUCH STATEMENTS WILL RESULT IN MOVING AWAY FROM THE NATURE OF THE PROGRAM.

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4. PARA FOUR THROUGH NINE, NO COMMENT.

5. PARA TEN. THE EWG AGREED THAT THE SECOND SENTENCE WAS NOT CLEAR AND THE IS WILL REDRAFT.

6. PARA ELEVEN. DELETE.

7. PARA 12. RECOMMENDATIONS:

(A) MARITIME COMMAND CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS.

(I) UK AND NETHERLANDS REPS ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATION WITH THE PROVISION THAT IT WILL BE INCORPORATED IN SELECTED SHIPS.

(II) DANISH REP (MOGENSEN) REQUESTED A FOOTNOTE THAT THE ITEM IS NOT APPLICABLE. THE EWG AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE RECOMMENDATION.

(III) NO SPECIFIC COMMENTS.

(IV) SHAPE REP (SCHWEITZER) SUPPORTED BY THE NETHERLANDS REP, RECOMMENDED DELETION AND REPLACING VLF WITH "INSTALLATION OF MSK".

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(B) AIR DEFENSE.

(I) THE UK REP RECOMMENDED REPLACING THE WORK "PROVISION" IN THE FIRST LINE WITH "AIM TO PROVIDE". TURKISH REP (OZCERI) REQUESTED A FOOTNOTE TO INDICATE THAT IT WAS NOT APPLICABLE TO TURKEY AND THE US REP REQUESTED A FOOTNOTE AGREEING WITH WORDING AS IS.

(II) TURKISH FOOTNOTE, "NOT APPLICABLE TO TURKEY".

(C) ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE.

(I) NORWEGIAN REP (HEIDENSTROM) AND DANISH REP AGREED

IN PRINCIPLE.

(II) DANISH REP AGREED IN PRINCIPLE. UK REP RECOMMENDED CHANGING THE WORDING OF LINE ONE TO READ: "COOPERATIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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DEVELOPMENT WITH THE AIM TO ACQUIRE FOR ACQUISITION".

(III) US REP PROPOSED CHANGING PARA 12(C)(III) PER GUIDANCE.

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(D) MINE WARFARE.

(I) THE US REP PROPOSED TO CHANGE PARA 12(D)(I) PER GUIDANCE. THE UK REP AGAIN SUGGESTED "COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT WITH THE AIM TO ACQUISITION". THE FRG REP SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO REFER TO HIS AUTHORITIES FOR GUIDANCE.

(II) NO COMMENTS.

(III) NO COMMENTS.

(IV) NORWEGIAN REP AGREED IN PRINCIPLE.

(V) NORWEGIAN REP AND BELGIAN REP (VAN DRIESSCHE) FOOTNOTED THE ITEM AS "NOT ACCEPTABLE". TURKISH REP SAID HE WOULD APPEAL TO ANKARA, BUT HIS POSITION WAS THE SAME AS THE NORWEGIAN AND BELGIAN REPS.

(E) SURFACE WARFARE.

(I) NORWEGIAN REP FOOTNOTE; "AGREE IN PRINCIPLE".

(II) NETHERLANDS REP FOOTNOTE; "MID-TERM/LONG-TERM TIME FRAME".

(III) NORWEGIAN REP FOOTNOTE; "LONG-TERM, AGREE IN PRINCIPLE".

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-- UK REP FOOTNOTE; DELETE WORD "ALL".

--DANISH REP FOOTNOTE; "APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE".

-- SACLANT REP RECOMMENDED THE INCLUSION OF ALL MISSILE CARRYING UNITS AND MPA. THE BELGIAN REP SUPPORTED THE RECOMMENDATION AND REQUESTED THE WORDING BE CHANGED TO

"MARITIME AIR" VICE "MPA", AS BELGIUM DOES NOT HAVE
PATROL AIRCRAFT BUT THE ISSUE IS RELEVANT TO ASW HELI-
COPTERS.

-- UK REP SAID THIS SOUNDS LIKE A NEW DEVELOPMENT.

SACLANT REP SUPPORTED BY THE US REP RESPONDED BY POINTING
OUT THE ITEM IS COVERED IN THE TF REPORT AND IF NECES-
SARY COULD BE INCLUDED IN SQUARE BRACKETS.

(F) MARITIME CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. TO BE CHANGED TO
REFLECT FRG MEANING, TRI-MNC CONCEPT. (SEE PARA 3 ABOVE)

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8. THE US REP REFERRED TO THE CIRCULATED PAPER CON-
TAINING THE PROPOSED US CHANGES TO THE ANNEX ON MARITIME
POSTURE WHICH PROPOSED SACLANT AS A SINGLE MANAGER FOR
MARITIME POSTURE (REF B APPLIES).GLITMAN

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